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**REMARKS**

Prior to the present amendment and response, 1-27, 29, and 31-55 remained in the application while claims 56-71 had been canceled. By the present amendment and response, claims 17-27, 29, and 31-55 have been canceled and new claims 72-74 have been added. Thus, claims 1-16 and 72-74 remain in the present application. The Examiner has allowed claims 1-16 in the Office Action of March 21, 2005.

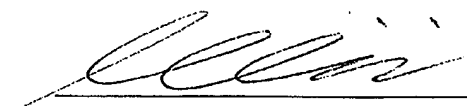
New independent claim 72 is the independent form of dependent claim 21 (now canceled), which is allowable according to the Examiner's comment on paragraph 6, page 6 of the Office Action. New dependent claim 73 corresponds to dependent claim 22 (now canceled), which is also allowable according to the Examiner's comment on paragraph 6, page 6 of the Office Action. Further, new independent claim 74 is the independent form of dependent claim 27 (now canceled), which is also allowable according to the Examiner's comment on paragraph 6, page 6 of the Office Action. Therefore, new claims 72-74 are allowable according to the Examiner's comments in the Office Action.

Accordingly, an early notice of allowance directed to all claims 1-16 and 72-74 remaining in the present application is respectfully requested.

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